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# Convention Board Vacancies Filled

Two persons have been added to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board staff by action of the board's Executive Committee, according to an announcement by Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer.

## Committee Named For Gulfshore Restoration

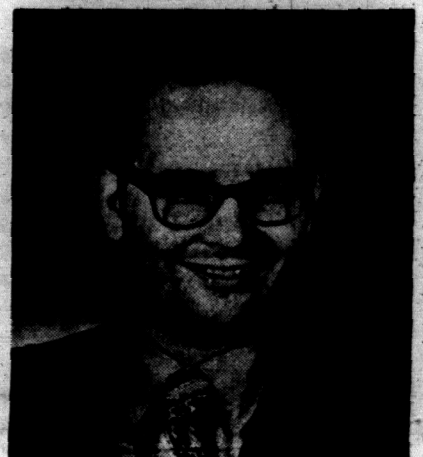
Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, has been named chairman of a special committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to be in charge of the restoration of Gulfshore assembly grounds at Pass Christian.

The assembly buildings were destroyed by Hurricane Camille in 1969.

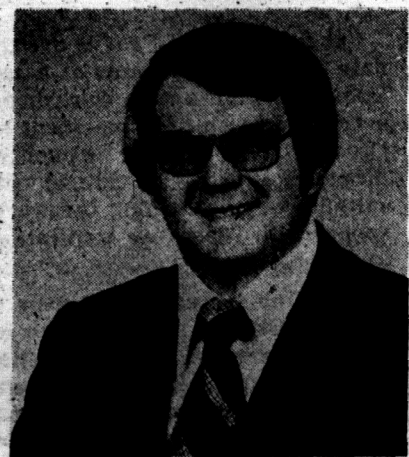
The committee to look after the details of restoration was named by the president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. Harold Kitchings, pastor of First Church, Kosciusko.

Two laymen have been named to the committee, Dr. Kelly said. One is Henry Holman of Jackson, an executive in the McCarty-Holman grocery chain, and the other is Glenn Perry of Philadelphia, who is in the construction business.

Two other pastors were named to complete the committee. They are Dr. Robert Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, and Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor of First Baptist Church, (Continued On Page 2)



Malcolm Rodney Webb



Larry Salter

## Mississippians Oppose Name Change 20-1

Readers of the Baptist Record overwhelmingly oppose the changing of the name of the Southern Baptist Convention.

By a vote of more than 20 to 1, those returning ballots in the survey announced two weeks ago, have expressed their disapproval of the idea of a name change.

To date 1031 ballots have been received, with 979 of them opposing the change, and 52 favoring it. There were 12 additional "unsigned" ballots, all opposing change.

Four classes in one church sent petitions opposing change, with 71 names signed on them.

A resolution signed by pastor, deacons and members of another church opposed the change.

One ballot was returned without being checked, but requesting that a committee propose five names

and allow Southern Baptists to vote on them.

Thus from the response which has come, it is clear that among our readers, the opposition to change is well over 20 to 1.

The poll is being taken through all Southern Baptist state papers. It was requested by the special committee appointed at last year's Southern Baptist Convention to make a study of the idea of changing the name.

Request for considering a change evidently had come from some pastors and leaders in newer areas of the convention territory, who feel that since the convention now covers all of the nation, the name Southern is no longer appropriate. Moreover, some have felt that it had been a hindrance to reaching people who were not (Continued On Page 3)

## Clarke College Honors President On Anniversary

Chapel hour at Clarke College on Jan. 29 was a special occasion. Dr. John F. Carter, veteran professor at the Newton-based college called President W. L. Compere and Mrs. Compere to the platform and presented to Dr. Compere a plaque from Clarke Faculty.

Dr. Carter's statements were as follows:

"My President: I have been asked by a committee of the faculty to perform a most pleasant duty. Indeed, the privilege that it mine this morning is so gratifying that it makes the duty much more

agreeable than most duties. All of us recognize with humble gladness and with hearty gratitude to God the 20 years of your dedicated and highly productive service to God as president of Clarke College. The many and impressive achievements of those years are to be observed on every hand, in the new structures on the campus, and in the consecrated service to God rendered throughout the land by hundreds of men and women who received their first college training at Clarke College.

"I have been privileged to serve the college in various capacities, (Continued On Page 2)



Dr. J. F. Carter presents a plaque commemorating Dr. W. L. Compere's 20 years of service as president of Clarke College. Mrs. Compere looks on.

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## Committee Sets \$20,000 For Tornado Relief

A fund of \$20,000 for help in the relief of tornado victims in Pike County has been established by the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary - treasurer.

The Executive Committee authorized the borrowing of the \$20,000 from Convention Board reserves. Dr. Kelly registered a plea last week at the Evangelism Conference for help from the churches in the state to repay the borrowed amount.

The total amount needed for the loan was trimmed Friday, however, when Dr. Paul Adkins of the Home Mission Board revealed that the Home Board is sending \$5,000 to be used in tornado relief.

The relief fund will be administered by a committee in Pike County Baptist Association, which will handle the requests and make decisions based on all the factors involved, Dr. Kelly said.

## Gulfport Pastor Opens Congress With Prayer

WASHINGTON — Dr. John H. Traylor Jr., pastor of First Church, Gulfport, Miss., opened the U. S. House of Representatives with prayer Feb. 3 and asked that its members be granted "grace to transform their stumbling blocks into steppingstones."

Dr. Traylor, invited by Rep. Trent Lott (R-Miss.), is the first Mississippian to open a session of the House with prayer since Dr. Chester Swor performed that duty on March 23, 1971.

"It is my pleasure to welcome Dr. Traylor to the House today," Lott told his colleagues in a floor speech. "Dr. Traylor is one of the most outstanding religious leaders in the area."

"One of the things that has impressed me about Dr. Traylor's work is his efforts to reach young people in a modern world," Lott continued. "One of the great needs today is for the church and its leaders to relate to the times. Dr. Traylor and his church fulfill that need."

"As this country begins to re- (Continued On Page 2)

## Scout Group Names Chief Executive And Relocates

NASHVILLE (BP) — Homer M. "Smoky" Eggers of Tyler, Tex., a Baptist layman and Boy Scout executive for 22 years, has been elected as the first fulltime executive director of the Association of Southern Baptists for Scouting.

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., the association's chairman, also announced that the group will be moving its headquarters to Nashville.

The association, which began about 25 years ago in Austin, Tex., is not officially related to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Eggers is employed by the Boy Scouts of America and will work through a national volunteer committee of Southern Baptists.

## Statement Concerning The Association Of Southern Baptists For Scouting

By Glendon McCullough, Executive Director, Brotherhood Commission

As I understand the plan, this is an effort by several Southern Baptist men as individuals to try to interest certain Southern Baptist churches in scouting.

That's their prerogative as individuals under our polity as Southern Baptists.

And Southern Baptist churches as autonomous fellowships can respond as they feel led by God. That's their prerogative.

We need to remember that efforts to interest Southern Baptists in other movements isn't something new.

Throughout the years Southern

## At Sunday School Board

# Sullivan Hands Reins To President Cothen

NASHVILLE (BP) — James L. Sullivan, 65, chief executive of the world's largest religious publishing agency for 21 years, stepped into retirement here, handing the reins of the Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday School Board to Grady Coulter Cothen.

Emphasizing that "the Sunday School Board stands on the Scripture," Cothen, 55, was installed as the board's sixth president in the presence of some 1,000 board employees and guests.

The close of "the Sullivan years," an era of prosperity and

growth for the large Southern Baptist Convention agency, began a year ago when the board's trustees voted unanimously to name Cothen, then president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, as Sullivan's successor.

W. O. Thomasson, head of the agency's Book Store division, was named as executive vice-president to succeed J. M. Crowe, who retired on the same day as Sullivan.

Sullivan's retirement program held in the board's 1,000-seat Van Ness Auditorium, included

a flood of honors. Among them were an honorary membership in the Nashville Fire Department, a colonelcy on Tennessee Governor Ray Blanton's staff, and nomination to the sports hall of fame at Mississippi College in Clinton, Sullivan's alma mater.

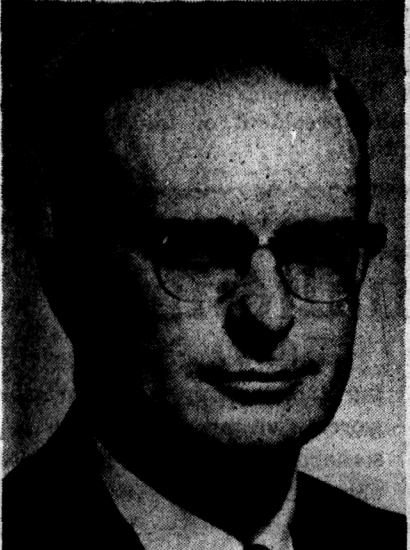
### Symbolized Change

At Cothen's installation the next day, Sullivan symbolized the change of administration by presenting Cothen a medallion bearing the Sunday School Board emblem.

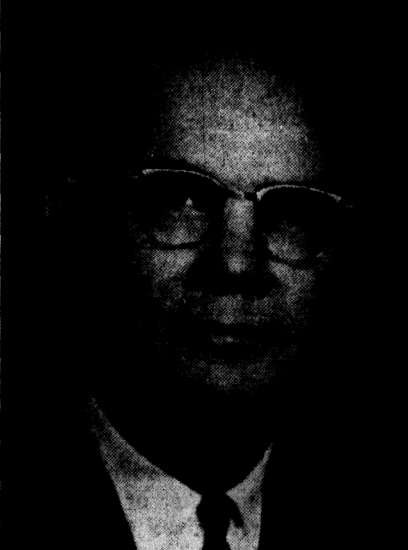
Cothen, in responding, said, "the Sunday School Board is involved with God in what God is doing in the world. Our purpose is his purpose, his will is our will to the degree that we can discover it and have strength to implement it."

"The Sunday School Board stands on the Scripture," he said. "We have nowhere else to stand, but may I suggest to you that we do not see it our duty to debate about it, (the Scriptures) nor to fight about it. We see it our duty to expound it, to expose it, to exegete it, to teach it, to preach it, to proclaim it."

"I find no reasons to change in my mind or in my heart that which my parents taught me when yet I was a child: the Holy Bible is the inspired word of God." (Continued on page 2)



Dr. Cothen



Dr. Sullivan

## Evangelism Conference

# Baptists Rise From Knees To Respond To Challenge

By Don McGregor

Six hundred or more Mississippi Baptists got off their knees in Clarksdale last week following the Evangelism Conference determined to respond to a challenge issued by Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter to be used of the Lord and by Rev. Peter Lord to live so as to please Him.

The conference ended as those in attendance at Oakhurst Church crowded around the altar in response to a call to prayer issued

by Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Church Grenada. Vocal prayers were led by Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Convention Board; by Rev. Roy Collum, director of the board's Evangelism Department; and by Dr. Taylor.

A few minutes earlier those at the conference had selected prayer partners for a period of praying for each other.

A point that kept ringing through the conference once it was uttered by Dr. J. Roy McComb, pastor of First Church, Pearl, was, "Philip didn't preach about Jesus, he preached Jesus."

Several speakers referred to that statement in later messages. He Used It

Dr. Baxter, internationally known Bible scholar, declared that the greatest need of the present hour is a new and deeper experience of the Holy Spirit.

"This is particularly true of church leaders," he said.

He reminded his listeners that success came in the case of the boy's lunch when the multitude was fed because when the Master got the lunch He blessed it, He broke it, and He used it.

Dr. Baxter spoke at each of the five sessions of the conference as he led the Bible study.

Rev. Lord, pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church in Titusville, Fla., pointed out that there is a difference between serving the Lord and pleasing Him and declared that a person's ministry would never be effective to its fullest extent until he learned the difference.

### Please the Father

"Jesus was only trying to please the Father," he said. He said that once a person begins to learn to love the Father and begins trying to please Him, his ministry becomes like an artesian well gushing up. He declared that one can tell when he is beginning to learn to love the Father because he begins to want to spend time alone with Him, his priorities are straightened out, and he begins to love the brethren.

Rev. Lord delivered two messages during the conference as did Dr. C. B. Hogue, director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, and Dr. Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, (Continued On Page 2)

## Soviet Court Convicts Dissident Baptist Leader

MOSCOW (BP) — Georgi Vins, a dissident Soviet Baptist leader, has been sentenced to five years in jail and five in "internal exile" for "illegal religious action," according to wire service reports out of here.

The sentencing of 46-year-old Vins took place at a court in Kiev in the Ukraine, a Soviet human rights campaigner, physicist Andrei Sakharov told Western newsmen.

Vins, secretary of the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (CCECB), a movement considered illegal by the Soviet government, was serving as an underground Baptist pastor last March, when secret police arrested him.

Best known leader of a claimed 100,000 or more "Initiativniki" or reform Soviet Baptists, who refuse allegiance to the officially recognized All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians - Baptists,

Vins has been characterized by Time magazine as "stubborn and courageous."

He is, said Time in its Jan. 27, issue, "the latest in a line of Baptists from John Bunyan to Martin Luther King Jr. who have gone to jail for defying the state on grounds of conscience."

"Though the plight of Soviet Jews and intellectuals is far better publicized in the West," Time said, "Baptists have suffered every bit as much. At least 700 have been jailed, and one civil rights leader reports that Baptists have comprised more than one-third of the known political prisoners during the past two decades."

The reform Baptists broke from the legally established Baptist body, the AUCECB several years ago, partly on the grounds it is allegedly controlled by the state. The AUCECB has denied this, but often supports Soviet policy, the (Continued On Page 2)





Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter, left, chats with three Mississippians at the Evangelism Conference. From left to right they are Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Convention Board; Rev. Roy Collum, director of the Evangelism Department; and Rev. Glenn Sullivan, pastor of Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale.

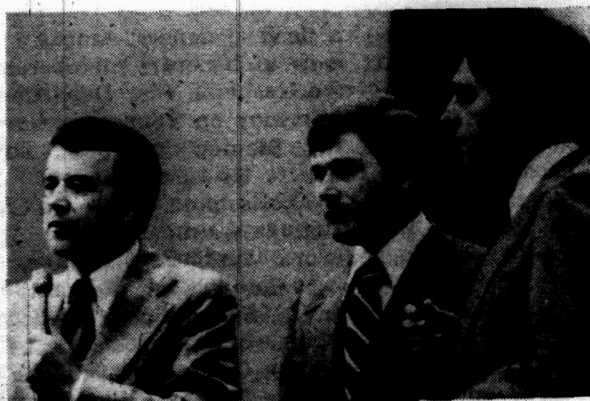


Dr. and Mrs. Allen O. Webb, right, pause for a visit with Dr. C. B. Hogue, left, director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, and Dr. Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Church, Tulsa, Okla. Dr. Webb is pastor of Ingalls Avenue Memorial Church, Pascagoula.



Tommy Lane, standing left, minister of music at Bellevue Church, Memphis, led the singing during the Evangelism Conference. Martha Brannham, standing right, a soloist of Dallas, Texas, presented special music at each session. Cindy Carpenter, seated, of Memphis accompanied Mrs. Brannham and the congregational singing.

## At The Evangelism Conference



"The Cutting Edge" was a feature of the Evangelism Conference in which the three pastors above participated. They are, left to right, Rev. James Richardson, pastor of First Church, Leland, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Rev. Joel Haire, pastor of First Church, West Point; and Dr. Joe McKeever, pastor of First Church, Columbus.



Rev. Peter Lord, left, pastor of Park Avenue Church, Titusville, Fla., spoke twice during the Evangelism Conference. He chats with Rev. James Richardson, pastor of First Church, Leland, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.



Rev. Lucius Marion, left, pastor of Clarksdale Church, Clarksdale, discusses the Evangelism Conference with Dr. Harold Kitchings, right, pastor of First Church, Kosciusko, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Rev. Danny Prater, center, director of missions in Riverside Association.

## Mississippians Hear Challenge

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Tulsa. Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, delivered the message on the opening night's session.

Five Mississippians presented devotional thoughts at the five sessions. They are Rev. Leon Young, Meridian, director of associational missions for Lauderdale Association, Rev. Ferrell Cork, pastor of First Church, Aberdeen; Rev. Jerry Mixon, an evangelist from Petal; Dr. McComb, Pearl; and Rev. James Keith, pastor of First Church, Laurel.

### Special Music

Mrs. Martha Brannham of Dallas, Texas, presented special music at each session. Others who sang were the Oakhurst Church Choir of Clarksdale, Dr. and Mrs. Pat S. Bunde of Clarksdale, the Ladies' Trio of Clarksdale Church of Clarksdale; and the Mississippi Singing Churchmen. Cindy Carpenter of Memphis was the pianist, and the organists were Fred Hood of Clarksdale and Edwin Sudduth of Indianola. Tommy Lane of Bellevue Church in Memphis was the song leader.

Dr. Hogue, in his message, said that "if Southern Baptists are to have any kind of an impact upon today's world it is a necessity that each of us as Christians and as leaders in our churches comes to grips with the fact that lifestyle evangelism is not just a word but a reality and an action." He called on everyone present to vow to God that he would be a lifestyle witness sharing everywhere with all men. He said, "Personal evangelism is when a person is so possessed by his message he cannot but speak the things he has heard and seen."

Dr. Hultgren declared that "all

Christians need a fresh understanding and participation in the power of Pentecost. The early Christians made much of Pentecost and nothing of Christmas. Could it be that we find it easier to give gifts to each other on Christmas than to place ourselves completely at the disposal of the Holy Spirit?" he asked.

### Main Plot

Dr. Kelly said that the church dare not relegate evangelism to a position of secondary importance. "Luke, the first Christian historian, showed that evangelism was the main plot of early Christian history." His subject was "Old Religion for a New Day." He pointed out that while churches in the modern era are having problems in witnessing to people in the cities, "the churches in the first century thrived in the metropolitan areas." In fact, he said, "A casual study of the early church reveals the New Testament church was succeeded in its evangelistic witness in exactly those areas where we frequently fail." He pointed out that "we are winning fewer and fewer of the down-and-outers and the up-and-outers each year. First Century churches began among an excluded minority group, went on to overcome ethnic prejudice and to gather converts from all facets of society."

Rev. Young was the first of the Mississippians to speak in what was called the "Power Pack" section of the program. He began by paraphrasing the text, Matt. 4:19—"Follow me and I will make you evangelists of your lifestyle."

He said this relates to people, change, involvement, and enthusiasm. We should see Jesus' concern for people, he said, and we shall communicate to them the message of a change for their lives. Then we should become involved with people, he declared, so that we can tell them about Christ. "When we relate to people in a natural kind of way we can let evangelism be our lifestyle." And it should be done with enthusiasm, he said.

### By Proxy

Rev. Cork said, "We have conditioned ourselves to the extent that we are only talking about or pretending to reach lost sinners. In fact, at best most of us are do-

ing it by proxy only. In other words, we are content to help somebody else do it for us. We cannot forget that Jesus said, 'Go ye therefore.' He did not say, 'Give, so the missionaries can go.' He said, 'Go ye.' Our churches are never going to reach sinners for our Lord Jesus Christ until you and I go. I didn't say until he goes. I didn't say until they go. I said until you and I go."

Rev. Mixon declared that "the vine love changes, costs, and compels us to action." He added, "This love is our basic biblical motivation for evangelism. Motivation to preach because we love to preach will one day see us exit from the ministry. Motivation to sing because we love to sing will do the same. Missions only because we love people will one day allow us to return home. Remember, Jesus did not say, 'Peter, do you love to preach, or sing, or visit, or travel?' He only asked, 'Do you love me?' Love of Jesus Christ along is our basis for 20th century evangelism."

Dr. McComb called for a "refocusing of our spiritual compass—our spiritual compass needs to be set on true center—Jesus."

He declared, "Philip preached Jesus to the lost eunuch. He did not preach about Jesus. He did not preach about the crucifixion of Jesus as much as the Jesus of the crucifixion. He did not preach about the suffering of Jesus as much as the Jesus who suffered."

"We talk about saturation evangelism, but before we can have saturation evangelism we must have an evangelism saturated with Jesus."

"The important thing in evangelism is not adding people to the church. People don't join the church to become Christians. They join Christ and become the church."

In the final session Rev. Keith said, "Although God calls some to be 'evangelist' professionally, He calls all to be evangelists personally."

### Two Essentials

"A person's occupation basically provides two essentials for a Christian: it provides the funds for existence, and it provides the framework for evangelism."

"God in creating each man to be unique has likewise given to each man a unique ability for communicating the gospel to others. It is, therefore, every Christian's responsibility to speak the message of God in a way no other possibly can."

Roy Collum, director of the Evangelism Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was in charge of the program and presided at the opening session. Others who presided were Rev. James Richardson, pastor of First Church, Leland, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Rev. Ed Gandy, pastor of First Church, Bruce; Dr. Kelly; and Dr. Harold Kitchings, pastor of First Church, Kosciusko, and president of the Convention Board.

## Cothen Succeeds

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At the Sullivan retirement program, Nashville Mayor Beverly Briley, made the SBC leader an honorary fireman, with a red hat, saying, "He has spent the last 21 years fighting denominational brush fires."

One surprise Sullivan received was the football used when Mississippi College defeated Mississippi State in 1931. Sullivan, a native of Silver Creek, Miss., was a team captain for that game.

He was the first "preacher boy" to be captain of a varsity athletic team at the Mississippi Baptist school.

Among dignitaries at the retirement program, which included a multimedia presentation tracing Sullivan's life from his birth to 1910 to today, were his pastor and former SBC president, H. Franklin Paschall; Mrs. Albert Kawamoto, of Hawaii; Robert Denny, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; and J. Edward Cunningham, an American Bible Society executive.

### Handmade Lei

Mrs. Kawamoto flew from Honolulu to represent Hawaiian Southern Baptists by presenting a handmade lei made from several hundred small orchids. Cothen also received a lei at an installation luncheon.

Paschall presented Sullivan a plaque from the deacons of his home church, First Baptist Church, Nashville, and cited him as "a great Christian leader in the world... (who) has not been too big for the local church."

Denny, representing some 33.5 million Baptists, cited Sullivan for his contributions to "the promotion of fellowship, service and co-operation of Baptists around the world."

Cunningham, a Southern Baptist presented Sullivan a facsimile edition of the historic Robert Aitken Bible and paid tribute to Sullivan and the board for support of the ABS, which includes an annual Sunday School Board contribution to help finance Scripture translation, publication and distribution. The Aitken Bible, published in 1782, was the first Bible published in America and the only printing of a Bible ever authorized by the U. S. Congress.

## Soviet Baptist

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wire reports said.

Knowledgeable observers say the AUCECB does so, in the same manner religious leaders in the United States support their government and that the AUCECB stance is taken to allow churches to continue to operate openly despite restrictions which include no religious training or baptism for youths.

Vins, who has already served one three-year sentence, was released in 1969 in broken health, according to reports. His father, also a pastor, died in prison camp and his mother ended a three-year sentence in 1973.

Last December, an international delegation of Baptist leaders, led by Robert Denny, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, pled for clemency for Vins and other religious prisoners in a meeting in Moscow with the deputy chairman of the Board of International Affairs of the USSR.

## Christian Action Commission

### Sponsors Workshops In Associations

February 23 and Feb. 24 are the date for the continuation of a series of Christian Action Workshops, according to an announcement by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director. A group of trained consultants will be leading the workshops, with others as inspirational speakers.

The time for each workshop is 7-9 p.m. They are designed to interpret the work of the Christian Action Commission, with special emphasis this year upon the "Vine Love Awareness Campaign" being sponsored by the Commission and consideration of other contemporary problems facing each county area.

On February 24, workshops are scheduled in the following associations, with place of meeting, consultant and speaker named in that order:

CARROLL, Coila Baptist Church, Rev. Don Henderson, Grenada, and Rev. Gus Merritt, Lexington;

CHOCTAW, Ackerman Baptist Church, Rev. Hardy Denham, Newton, and Rev. Wm. S. Stewart, Eupora;

CLAY, Calvary, West Point, Rev. Ray Grissett, Philadelphia, and Rev. Hugh Poole, Macon;

FRANKLIN, Meadville Baptist Church, Rev. Jimmy Wood, New Hebron, and Rev. Bob Scott, Magnolia;

GEORGE, First, Lucedale, Rev. Billy Johnson, Laurel, and Rev. Brooks Barkley, Waynesboro;

GRENADA, Emmanuel, Grenada, Dr. Levon Moore, Kosciusko, and Dr. Raymond Lloyd, Starkville;

LAMAR, First, Sumrall, Dr. Gail DeBord, Long Beach, and Dr. James Street, Wiggins;

LAWRENCE, Carmel Baptist Church, Rev. Bill Duncan, Pica-yune, and Rev. S. A. Adkins, Lucedale;

LOWNDES, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Rev. Bill Nimmons, Tupelo, and Rev. Jackie Hamilton, Meridian;

MARSHALL, First, Holly Springs, Rev. Tom Rayburn, Booneville;

PRENTISS, First, Booneville, Dr. Fuller Saunders, Houston, and Dr. Bob Hamblin, Tupelo;

RIVERSIDE, Lyon Baptist Church, Dr. Clark Hensley, Jackson, and Rev. James Hurt, Cleveland;

SIMPSON, Simpson Baptist Center, Rev. Tommy Baddley, Brandon, and Rev. Leland Hogan, Hattiesburg;

SUNFLOWER, First, Indianola, Dr. Cliff Perkins, Greenwood, and Rev. Howard Taylor, Greenville;

TALLAHATCHIE, Webb Baptist Church, Rev. David Pratt, Winona, and Rev. Granville Watson, Moorhead;

TATE, First, Senatobia, Rev. J. B. Miller, Southaven, and Dr. James Porch, Clinton;

YAZOO, Center Ridge Baptist Church, Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson, and Rev. Bob Sheffield, Prentiss.

The February 25 workshops are scheduled as follows:

ITAWAMBA, First, Fulton, Dr. Fuller Saunders, Houston, and Rev. Charles F. Steele, Tupelo;

## Clarke Honors

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while serving all the while as a professor and an instructor. Repeatedly I have been president; once I was registrar; twice I have been dean — and much of the time superintendent of janitors! But I am convinced that with out doubt the most important service that I have been privileged to render the college was performed some time between the 10th and the 20th of Jan., 1955, when as acting dean with the responsibilities of interim president, I had the happy privilege of presenting you as the new president of the College and Mrs. Compere as first lady of the campus. I was highly pleased because the Board of Trustees chose you to be our president, and through the years my approval of their action has grown more hearty and firm."

## Committee Named

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Biloxi.

Mississippi Baptist Convention authorization to proceed with the restoration of the assembly property came in 1972, when a fund-raising effort was also authorized. In 1974 the convention voted to proceed immediately, using the funds at hand and the pledges that are to come in and to borrow any amount necessary to complete the project.

Dr. Kelly said the committee will continually keep Mississippi Baptists informed as to the status of the fund being used for the restoration. There is now \$1,361,632 cash on hand, including \$402,037 cash received on pledges in excess of \$1,250,000.

## Gulfport Pastor

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turn to the basic principles of free enterprise, democracy, and a strong religious foundation that made it great, men like Dr. John Traylor will show the way."

Dr. Traylor is a graduate of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute and New Orleans Seminary. He is in his seventh year as pastor of First Church, Gulfport.



Dr. John Traylor Jr., second from left, pastor of First Church, Gulfport, was in Washington to deliver the opening prayer of a session of the U.S. House of Representatives. With Dr. Traylor are from left, Congressman Trent Lott, Dr. Traylor's host; Mrs. Traylor; House Majority Leader Tip O'Neill of Massachusetts, who was standing in for Speaker of the House Carl Albert; and House Chaplain Edward G. Latch.

## Statement On

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ica to service elements of the Scouting program.

These messengers pointed out the denomination had seen fit to inaugurate and support since 1908 a program of mission education for boys known as Royal Ambassadors.

These messengers also reminded that Southern Baptists have a thriving world-wide missions program which they hope will continue to grow with missionary recruits from Royal Ambassadors and mission organizations for girls.

And finally, these messengers saw the threat of a divided loyalty in churches between two boys' groups in the area of purpose, funding and leadership.

The response of Southern Baptists to missions and evangelism through Royal Ambassadors has been gratifying the last four years and can be measured in part in increasing enrollments.

I'm confident Southern Baptists believe even more strongly today in the centrality of evangelism and missions and are anxious to avoid any obstacle which may blunt this thrust in the years ahead.



# The SBC "Pioneer Movement": The Move East

By Everett Hullum Jr. and  
Kim Watson for Baptist Press

The story of expansion eastward represents an ambitious leap forward in the Southern Baptist Convention's historic "Pioneer Movement," which spurred its growth from a rural, old South setting to a nationwide denomination with 33 state conventions covering 50 states.

Growth westward, the SBC's first real effort at spreading its wings to evangelize America, had eased into a fairly well-honed rhythm; its phase one, easy-growth period was ending.

And the recognition of the shift to indigenous missions was already being felt in California, for example. But in the land east of the Mississippi River, the heady phase two of the Pioneer Movement was just beginning.

Beginning in the late 1930s, Southern Baptist churches had spilled across the Ohio River to begin missions in Indiana and Ohio. Now new jobs, created by the war industries and continuing in the boom that followed, magnetically drew hundreds of Southern Baptists from Appalachia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas; they flooded the northern rims of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, poured into Michigan and western Pennsylvania and western New York.

In 1952, Ray Roberts, a steady, strong-willed SBC Home Mission Board missionary, went to start churches grown to 30 and membership totalling about 10,000, the Ohio Baptist Convention was formed. Roberts became its first secretary.

Southern Illinois, a state convention since 1907, meanwhile was spreading its influence northward into western Indiana.

From these two expanding epicenters, the Great Lakes pioneer thrust groped out in an unstructured, unorganized, uncoordinated sort of pincer movement.

Illinois Baptists began answering calls from as far as Keosau, Wis., and as close as Decatur, just across the comity agreement line that had separated Northern and Southern Baptist churches. The Pioneer Movement resulted in the Illinois convention growing to a statewide body from its original foothold in southern Illinois. In less than 20 years, the 16



FIRST IN THE LAST—Members of South Burlington Baptist Church, Vt., work together to reshingle the roof. The church was Southern Baptists' first in the last state entered in the Pioneer Missions Movement. (HMB Photo by Everett Hullum, Jr.)

churches of northern Illinois grew to 160. The one association that had encompassed much of the Great Lakes region had been broken into seven.

Simultaneously, Ohio was reaching into Indiana and Michigan. Drawing from the strength of these two conventions, plus support from Kentucky and Arkansas Baptists, Indiana formed a state convention in 1958. With 111 churches and about 20,000 members, it organized as one of the strongest conventions in the region.

Michigan had constituted as a convention the year before with 52 churches, a four-fold increase in the six years since the first Michigan Baptist association had formed.

By the late 50s, Ohio also was moving eastward, sponsoring missions in western Pennsylvania and western New York.

By 1970, the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Convention formed with 50 churches and 9,000 members.

The Home Mission Board launched work in New York City in 1956, with the emphasis in Manhattan.

Ohio Baptists had earlier—in 1955—helped Alabama pastor R. Z. Boroughs, who moved to Niagara Falls in 1954 to minister to some of his non-resident members, organize the first Southern Baptist church in New York. By 1969 the work had grown to 70

churches and 10,000 members; the New York convention was constituted with Paul James as its first executive secretary.

The Manhattan congregation, although never numerically strong, was a vital factor in what might be called the final thrust of the Pioneer Movement—the penetration of New England—serving as the source of many of the leaders.

The same year the Manhattan church was begun, 1958, Screven Memorial Baptist Church in Portsmouth, N. H., was experiencing birth pangs. Three years later, 1961, the first page of the final chapter of the Pioneer Movement story was written when Rosco Anderson, a layman from Florida, moved to Burlington, Vermont, on assignment from the Home Mission Board to begin work in the 50th state. In 1963, South Burlington Baptist Church was constituted and Southern Baptists became truly a national convention.

The pace of work in New England has been slow by most SBC standards, but it's progressing. The fellowship, now affiliated with the Maryland convention, numbers 39 churches and 6,000 members. Elmer Sizemore, who has led work there since 1962, estimates it will be five years before it's ready for regional convention status.

When it comes, the New England convention will join a phalanx

of other Southern Baptist state or regional bodies in the east which grow stronger by the year.

From humble beginnings have come the Illinois Baptist State Association, now with 888 churches and more than 200,000 members; the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, with 62 churches and almost 11,000 members; the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, with 242 churches and 61,000 members; the Baptist Convention of New York (including New York state, northern New Jersey and a small part of Connecticut), with 91 churches and more than 14,000 members; the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, with 389 churches and almost 100,000 members; the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, with 53 churches and some 15,000 members; and the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, with 180 churches and 36,000 members. (All figures came from the 1974 SBC Annual)

Once "pioneers," they have become part of the warp and woof of the nationwide Southern Baptist fabric.

The fabric, however, has experienced periodic internal tension (now the subject of study by a seven-person committee authorized by the SBC last June in Dallas) to change the name of the convention to something more representative of its national scope.

Most resistance to change comes from the older, mainline SBC

states, although differing opinions exist among Baptists in both older and newer areas. So far efforts at change have failed.

Many reasons are given but, basically, some contend the name "Southern Baptist" represents a theological position which transcends its regional connotation; others claim its geographical "parochialism" hinders their outreach.

At least two state conventions, Illinois and New York, have recently passed resolutions asking the committee to suggest a name more appropriate. At least on other, also in annual session, the Mississippi convention, resolved to oppose any change.

Regardless of what it's called, though, the SBC continues, page by page, to bring its Pioneer Movement saga to a conclusion.

Someday, historians may date the close of the Pioneer Movement when Iowa, the Minnesota-Wisconsin region, New England and possibly northern and southern Nevada (now associated separately with the California and Arizona conventions) achieve conventionhood.

On one level, the historians may be right. But, in some ways, the movement won't end until Southern Baptists have reached their goal of strengthening pioneer weak in light of potential outreach—to the point of having an SBC church within reach of every family in the United States. (BP)



## Silent Trumpets And Untinkling Cymbals

In Psalm 150 the Hebrew people are urged to worship God with the "sound of the trumpet" and the "high sounding cymbals." Then in I Corinthians 13, Paul reminds us that unless we speak with love our message is only as "sounding brass and tinkling cymbals."

The trumpet is to sound, the cymbals are to clang. That is their purpose for existence. The church is to speak, albeit in love. To be silent is not trumpet-like nor is it expressing love.

I believe our churches, with a withering blast, can say "we mean business" to an unsaved world. In the Philippines I hear the trumpet sound in love as I see a missionary teaching the Bible in a nipa hut, healing the sick, or training a young man to minister to his own nation.

This indicates that Southern Baptists are not a silent and untinkling people. Through our Cooperative Program we announce our sincerity; it's putting our money where our mouth is. When a church ceases to give or gives an unbecoming amount the silence is deafening; the untinkling is unnatural. It kinks the life line and causes an energy crisis on the mission field. How we do appreciate the clear, unmistakable, penetrating blast of a trumpet that says, "We mean business." We do this when, in love, we offer our lives and our money. The former is our motive; the latter, through the Cooperative Program, is our means.

By the way, both the trumpet and cymbal are musical instruments designed to induce harmony. The world could stand a lot of this.

W. Guy Henderson  
Manila, Philippines

## Sister Of Joe Odle Dies In Arkansas

Mrs. Lester Doty, of Dardanelle, Ark., sister of Dr. Joe Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, died Feb. 9 following a long illness.

Funeral services were Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Dardanelle.

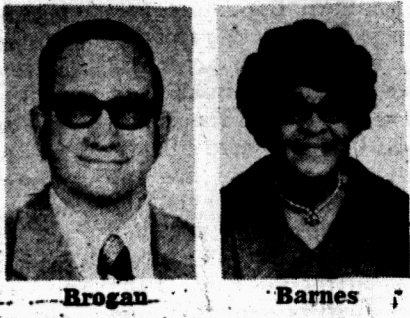
In addition to Dr. Odle, Mrs. Lester is survived by their mother, who lived with her and is blind, and by her husband.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital, will welcome those attending the seminar, and Chaplain Shamburger will preside at the various sessions.

## Leadership Conferences For National Baptists To Be Held In Mississippi In Early March

A series of leadership conferences for National Baptists, promoted by the Mississippi Baptist Seminary in Jackson, the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and Woman's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will be held in Mississippi in March.

Speakers for the meetings will include Mrs. Alma Barnes of Laurel, President of the Northeast Mississippi Women's Convention and a teacher-missionary with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Mrs. Barnes will be speaking



ing about the cooperative ministries and the work of the National Women's Conventions in Mississippi.

Also speaking at these meetings will be Rev. Richard Brogan, di-

rector of the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

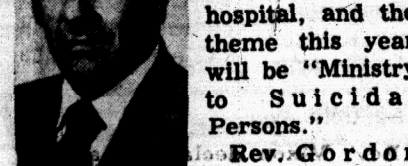
Meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at 9:30 p.m.

The schedule of meetings is as follows:

Monday, March 3, Greenville, Washington County Baptist Association Building; Tuesday, March 4, Sardis, Seminary Building; Wednesday, March 5, Holly Springs, Baptist Seminary; Thursday, March 6, Tupelo, Rising Star Baptist Church; Friday, March 7, West Point, Ministerial and Industrial College.

## Hospital Plans Seminar On Pastoral Care Of Ill

Mississippi Baptist Hospital and the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will conduct their 15th annual seminar on pastoral care of the ill Feb. 18 at the hospital, and the theme this year will be "Ministry to Suicidal Persons."



Follis, director of its Pastoral Care Department, emphasized that this seminar is open to ministers of all faiths, and he urged them to attend sessions beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m.

Dr. Jack Follis, chaplain and di-

rector of pastoral services at East Mississippi State Hospital at Meridian, will be the chief resource speaker. Dr. Follis has graduate degrees in theology, religious education, and special education from New Orleans Seminary.

He will discuss the clergyman's role in recognizing signs of suicide and hopefully preventing suicide, and ministry to the family of a person who has committed suicide or who is threatening to do so or who has made attempts at suicide.

Dr. A. J. Santangelo, psychiatrist and chief of the psychiatric section at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, will discuss the relation of psychiatrist and a suicidal person.

Dr. Ray Huff, clinical psychologist and director of the Jackson Mental Health Associates group, will talk on the pastor's contribution to the mental health of his congregation.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will outline the church's supportive ministry as it relates to suicides and families of suicides.

Paul J. Pryor, administrator of

## Oppose SBC Name Change 20-1

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Southerners. Others, however, have expressed the feeling that the name Southern is no longer as geographical in its meaning, as it is theological. Southern Baptists are widely known as a conservative people.

A motion was made at Dallas that the issue of changing the name be studied by a committee, and such a committee was named. Chairing it is Dr. Chauncey Daley, editor of the Western Recorder-Kentucky Baptist Journal. Several weeks ago Dr. Daley wrote all state paper editors, requesting that a poll be taken through the papers, so that the committee might know the "grass roots" sentiment of the people. The results which we have seen in Mississippi give clear evidence of the thinking here.

Some of those filling out the ballots seemed to feel that the de-

cision to change already had been made, and that the ballot would do little good. This, of course, is not true, since the committee sincerely is seeking to know the thinking of the people. It will give consideration to what it learns from this poll, in planning its report to the convention. Of course, no matter what it reports, the convention itself will have the final vote.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention, at its session in Jackson last November, approved by a large majority a resolution opposing the name change. The convention action reflects what appears to be the thinking across the state.

The report of the Baptist Record portion of the present poll, will be sent to the committee this week. Members will consider the returns from all of the states, at a meeting scheduled for next month. The report is to be made at the Miami meeting.

If the grass roots sentiment else-

where is similar to that in Mississippi, the committee is going to learn that there is strong sentiment against any change in the convention name.

## Cooperative Program Sets Mark

NASHVILLE (BP) — Continuing to rise, despite the growing recession, the national Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention topped the \$4 million mark in one month for the first time in the 130 year history of the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination.

The \$4,303,029 collected in January represents a 9.3 per cent increase over the \$3,937,030 collected during the same month of 1974. The 1974 figure had been the previous all-time, one-month high for Southern Baptists.

Through the first four months of the 1974-75 fiscal year, the national SBC Cooperative Program has received \$13,675,353 or 6.74 percent more than the \$12.8 million collected during the same period in the 1973-74 fiscal year.

Total national contributions for the fiscal year - to date, including designated gifts above the Cooperative Program, amount to \$20,927,279 - some 9.95 percent above more than \$19 million collected during the same period last fiscal year.

## Proposed WMU Bylaws Change

By Marjean Patterson

According to the Bylaws of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, an article in the Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting provided that the proposed amendment has been published in two issues of the BAPTIST RECORD at least one month before the WMU Convention and has also been submitted in writing to the Executive Board at its last semi-annual meeting.

The Mississippi WMU Executive Board, in semi-annual meeting January 14-15, voted to change the tenure of office for officers and all Executive Board members from six years to five years. This change will affect Article V and Article VIII of the Bylaws of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

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## EDITORIAL

Guest Editorial

### "To Put It All Together"

By Ben C. Fisher

Perhaps never before in American history have so many people have been so desperate to find individuals and institutions who can help put things together for them.

Southern Baptists are helping students "to put it all together" in 71 colleges, schools, and seminaries around the nation, with a total enrollment of more than 126,700 students.

Members of the 12.3 - million - member, 34,665 - church Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) can look back on 130 years of growth. Those years have seen the SBC stretch from coast to coast and into all 50 states - emphasizing Christ's life-changing power through evangelism and church growth but also growing in appreciation of the impact of Christian educational institutions.

In 1784, a date far predating SBC organization, Rhode Island College, the first Baptist college in America, was established. It began an unbroken chain of people

who have chosen to secure their training in Baptist institutions.

On Sunday, February 16, designated on the SBC calendar as Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day, many of those 34,665 churches will hold special observances in recognition of how Christian educators really do "put it all together" - by emphasizing total growth of young men and women who will carry Southern Baptists into our nation's third 100 years and beyond that into the twenty - first century.

They know that education is vital in an age when knowledge becomes outdated in a matter of years.

But, they also know that education of the head produces a monstrosity without education of the heart.

"The foolishness of God," said Paul, "is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. The unspiritual man," he said, "does not receive the gifts of the spirit of God, for they are folly to him and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned."

As Southern Baptists pause on Sunday, February 16, to observe the Convention-wide emphasis on Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day, they need to take a close look behind the headlines. They will find here a unique educational process which combines Christian purpose with high academic standards and moral precepts rooted in the message of Christ. These are the factors which have helped to generate the growth of a great denomination.

They will look at the hundreds of Baptist lay people who leave Baptist schools to mature into active church leaders - leaders who "put it all together" as they permeate society's troubled structures.

They will look at the 10,000 ministerial students and the 1,600 mission volunteers which flow through Baptist educational institutions.

That kind of individual and that kind of institution really do "put it all together."

(Ben C. Fisher is Executive Director-Treasurer of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.)

#### NEWEST BOOKS

### 1975 VBS Planning Kit Includes Adult Study Book

**VBS CHURCH SERIES ADVANCE PLANNING KIT, 1975** (Convention Press \$29.95).

This complete planning kit for 1975 Vacation Bible School contains samples of materials available for all age groups, including the VBS Plan Book, 1975, by William R. Cox; the VBS Joint Study Book for 1975; Bible Study units, action study units, and teachers' guides for the different age groups. Besides the Bible study books, there are also resource kits and picture sets for children. The resource kits contain such items as pictures, choral readings, flash cards, maps and games. Themes for the different ages this year are: **THINGS WE DO AT CHURCH**, middle children; **MY CHURCH AT WORK**, older children; **MY CHURCH**, young children; **HELP** (Helping Empty, Lonely People), youth; **PLEASING GOD**, older preschoolers; **THANK YOU, GOD**, three - year-olds. Three writers have contributed to the adult study book included in the VBS kit - **STUDIES IN REVELATION**. They are Dr. Herschel Hobbs, Juanita Wilkinson, and Betty Edwards Dean. Dr. Hobbs wrote the Lesson Commentary; Mrs. Wilkinson has prepared "Learning Activities" for each chapter; and Mrs. Dean "Ideas for Group Worship." This adult book opens the way for adults to have a part in VBS in other than leadership positions. Large numbers of adults can join the school for serious Bible study. Dr. Hobbs' brief but comprehensive commentary will be a helpful guide.

**GOD'S PEOPLE: IN TROUBLED TIMES** (Convention Press, \$4.25). This is a kit which offers youth and youth workers enrichment materials for teaching and learning experiences related to God's People: In Troubled Times, the fourth book in the seven - volume Youth Bible Survey Series. It contains posters, games, cartoons, skits, and other teaching helps.

**THE MINISTRY OF THE DEACON** by Howard B. Foshee (Convention Press, paper, \$1.10, 125 pp., Church Study Course) Who are deacons? What are they supposed to do? This book emphasizes the biblical view of deacon work, the ministry of the deacon, training, organization, selection, and ordination.

**WORKING WITH ADULTS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** compiled by Ernest Hollaway and James Fitch (Convention, \$1.10, 160 pp., Church Study Course) Principles and guidelines for organizing and conducting adult classes and departments are explained, as well as helpful procedures for ministering to persons who cannot attend Sunday School.

**CHURCH WEEKDAY EARLY EDUCATION TEACHER'S PLAN BOOK** (Convention, \$1.95, 79 pp.) A plan book for day care, kindergarten, nursery school, and other preschool programs.

**BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE** by Reuben Herring (Convention Press, paper, 50 pp., \$1.25) Insights into the most intimate of relationships. Family Enrichment Series. The author was formerly associate editor of Home Life.

**LIVING THE RESPONSIBLE LIFE** by Cecil A. Ray (Convention, paper, 119 pp., Church Study Course) What should be a Christian's standard of living? What does Jesus instruct his followers to do about giving? This book uses Bible references for a theological approach to Christian stewardship of material possessions.

**WORKING WITH PRESCHOOLERS AT CHURCH** by Eldon M. Boone, Jr. (Convention Press, paper, \$1.35, 180 pp., Church Study Course) This book will help both Sunday School and Church Training workers prepare, plan, and provide for good teaching-learning sessions.

**CHURCH LEADER TRAINING HANDBOOK** by Jimmy P. Crowe (Convention, 140 pp., Church Study Course) Revised edition of the handbook published in 1970.

**LIVING AND GIVING** by Marietta P. Howington (Convention, 62 pp., paper) This book can enable leaders to help children grades 1-6 understand the meaning of Christian stewardship.

**UP AND DOWN AND ALL AROUND** by C. William Junker (Convention Press, 32 pp., 40c) An action-study unit for youth, this is a brief study of ecological problems and a consideration of creative ways of dealing with the problems.

**ADVENTURES IN FAMILY LIVING** by Marjell F. Blackwell (Convention Press, \$1.25, Family Enrichment Series, 42 pp., \$1.75) A book on family relationships, for children ages 9-11. Answers such questions as: What is a family? What about my place? Am I responsible? Who set the pattern?

**CROSSPOINT: YOUR LIFE AND YOUR FAMILY** by Eugene Chamberlain (Convention, Family Enrichment Series, 42 pp., \$1.25) Mr. Chamberlain, manuscript analyst at the Sunday School Board, has written this book for ages 15-17 out of his and his wife Dorothy's experience of being middle-aged parents to two teenagers.

**A SECURITY BLANKET CALLED HOME** by Johnnie Godwin (Convention, Family Enrichment Series, 42 pp., \$1.25) The book deals primarily with Christian homes and the relationship between parent and youth in those homes. The writer gathered materials from remembering his own teen years and from watching his three sons grow.

**DISCIPLINE IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME** by W. Wayne Grant (Convention, paper, 50 pp., Family Enrichment Series, \$1.25) Dr. Grant has combined his experiences of dealing with the problems of child discipline as a pediatrician and a father of two youngsters, to write this book.

**YOU AND COMMUNICATION IN THE CHURCH** edited and compiled by B. F. Jackson, Jr. (Word Books, 270 pp., \$5.95) This book takes a look at ways the church can communicate, and do it more effectively. Writings of noted authorities have been brought together to help clergymen and laymen enhance their communication techniques and skills. There are excellent chapters on better use of the spoken word and of the written word, as well as a section on use of multimedia.

**PRAYER AND YOU** by Cecil G. Osborne (Word Books, \$3.95, 104 pp.) The author discusses both the misconceptions of prayer and the steps to effective prayer.

**THE CLOCK WORK IMAGE** by Donald M. MacKay (InterVarsity, paper, \$2.25, 112 pp.)

In the spirit of openness that animates inquiring scientists, Dr. MacKay, who is both a scientist and a Christian, examines the Christian view of the universe and its relation to the scientific enterprise.

**CHRISTMAS WITH ARCHIE** (Revell, 48 pp., 49c) Archie and his comic book gang romp through the holidays in their exuberant ways, but pause often to think of the real meaning of Christmas.

**LIFE IS FOREVER** by Helen Steiner Rice (Fleming H. Revell, \$3.95, 32 pp.) Helen Steiner Rice is a well-known poet; this, her latest volume of poetry, is a collective of old and new poems on the subject of death.

**THE JOY OF HOUSEKEEPING** by Elia May Miller (Fleming H. Revell, 162 pp., \$4.95) This author says that housekeeping can be changed from drudgery to joy and that the secret of this is in two words: right attitude. She begins with a chapter on "Why Bother?" and then continues with chapters on cleaning, cooking, clothes care, the budget, home safety, hospitality, etc.

**A GUIDE TO THE PARABLES** by John Hargreaves (Judson Press, \$3.95, 132 pp.) Twelve familiar parables told by Jesus are presented. In each case three steps are suggested - hearing the parable, seeing the original situation and seeing our situation. Thus the reader finds for himself the meaning of the parable for life today.

**GOING PUBLIC WITH ONE'S FAITH** edited by E. James Ogden (Judson Press, \$2.50, 128 pp.) This book explores the dimensions of speaking openly about our own experience of the love of God. Seven people in the Bible are studied. Each in a particular way throws new light on the why and how of taking a stand for God.

**CONCISE DICTIONARY OF RELIGIOUS QUOTATIONS** edited by William Neil (Wm. B. Eerdmans, \$7.95, 214 pp.) Arranged by subject, here are 2500 brief quotations from the realm of religion. These reflect a broad range of topics and points of view. Included are passages from the Bible, the Koran, the Talmud, famous authors such as Shakespeare and Bunyan, and great theologians such as Luther and Knox.

**SOUND OF LIVING WATERS: SONGS OF THE SPIRIT** by Betty Fulkingham and Jeanne Harper. (Wm. B. Eerdmans, \$3.95, 256 pp.) This book of joyous praise songs includes both established favorites and new compositions, drawn from a variety of times and places and cultures.

**THE KEY TO THE GOOD NEWS** by John Plet (Wm. B. Eerdmans, paper, 62 pp., \$1) A thematic guide to the reading of the New Testament, based on Good News for Modern Man.

**IF I HAD A WISH** by Ethel Barrett (Gospel Light, paper, \$1.25, 140 pp.) This book is about wishes and the people who made them. These who made the wishes lived thousands of years ago, in King David's day, but the stories about them are very much up-to-date and applicable to today. This would be a good resource book for pre-teen Bible studies.

**DAY OF RESURRECTION** by Leslie B. Flynn (Baker, paper, \$1.95, 96 pp.) These devotional meditations give special attention to the Easter-Day appearance of the risen Christ.

**PLAIN TALK ON THE RESURRECTION** by Maxford G. Gutzke (Baker, paper, \$1.95, 73 pp.) In a conversational style, the author discusses what the resurrection means to Christians and non-Christians alike.



AS THEN, SO NOW

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Gives Reasons For Opposing SBC Name Change

Dear Dr. Odle:

I do not favor a name change for the Southern Baptist Convention, nor even the study of such for the following reasons.

It is a known fact that, from a very small beginning in 1845, the Southern Baptist Convention is the largest Protestant evangelical denomination in the world today. This marvelous growth can be attributed to the witness and work of the believers and not the name of the denomination. Our witness is of and for Jesus Christ, and our work is in His name, not the denomination. It may be possible that some have placed denomination ahead of dedication and discipleship and some damage has been done.

Secondly, since most other denominations show a decrease in total membership and none of them have "Southern" attached to their name, why the increase in Southern Baptists to more than 12 million? Since Southern Baptists report an increase each year and others report a decrease, why tamper with progress? Our increases are reported from all over, especially from areas outside the South.

Thirdly, I agree that the term "Southern" is offensive to some. So are the terms Christian, church, and even the name of Jesus. The devil has provided conflicts for the Christians since creation. He is not about to stop now. If the work of Southern Baptists is of God, and I know that most of it is, the devil nor the changing of its name can stop its work. However, the devil can use the confusion to bring about an awful conflict between Southern Baptists that could really slow down its work. We must not take our eyes off of Jesus Christ. We are Christians by birth and Southern Baptists by choice.

Let's get excited and go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Let's bow at His feet and keep the faith. After all, it is He that is winning the world unto Himself. In His service, Hugh L. Poole, First Baptist Church, Macon, Mississippi 39341

#### On The MORAL SCENE...

**TOLBERT VETOES GAMBLING BILL** - "President William R. Tolbert of Liberia has vetoed a bill legalizing gambling. Many people had expected him to sign the bill into law. Tolbert, president of the Baptist World Alliance from 1965-70, told the press, 'While the act is intended to control gambling, I have a feeling that it will be taken by our people in general as a license for their indulgence in gambling indiscriminately throughout the country.' Tolbert also called for stricter enforcement of laws against gambling." - The Baptist World, December, 1974

**ON THE JOB DRINKING AND COMPANY RESPONSIBILITY** - "The California Supreme Court ruled recently that the widow of a man killed on his way home from an office party where he became intoxicated is entitled to receive worker's compensation. The court ruled that the 'proximate cause' of the man's death originated with his employment at a plumbing concern, which gave the party on company time. In the words of the decision, 'An employer who tolerates and encourages employee drinking in connection with the job may not later assert that the injury was caused by the intoxication of the employee.' - Personnel, p. 8., January-February, 1975

**Light for Living**  
Chester E. Swor

#### Think You've 'Had It'?

Everything's gone wrong. . . Nothing has worked out right. . . you're imposed upon, treated unfairly, never appreciated. . . you've borne the load for others longer than is fair. . . you've not had a good break in "who knows when". . . in short, you've "had it"! This little message is for you. Read on.

In one of the churches in which I was filling an appointment, I noticed a lovely woman of advancing years who possessed a radiance of face to the point of a winsome glow. Her eyes sparkled with laughter, and her voice was filled with joy and kindness. She was constantly inquiring of others concerning members of their families who were away or distressed, offering to help in any way possible. I concluded that she had come through the years on wings of song and without the usual problems, difficulties, and sorrows which are a part of the pattern of most of mankind.

You can imagine my surprise upon learning later in the week these factors of her life: 1) her only child, born in a state of complete abnormality, unable to walk or talk, was then forty years of age and had been kept by this wonderful woman with tender, loving care through all those years; 2) her husband was abed at home for more than a decade with total paralysis, including his organs of speech, and that she had ministered to him radiantly through the days and years in deep devotion; 3) her mother, then past 90 and bedridden, was in her home and attended to with joy-filled tenderness and, said the neighbors, almost constantly in song.

Later that week, I was a luncheon guest in this lovely lady's home, and the experience was one which I shall never forget. She introduced me to the abnormal son with all the radiant happiness of a devoted mother; she introduced me to her bedridden mother with the happy suggestion of being so fortunate to have her wonderful mother in her home; she spoke of her deceased husband with a glow of love and gratitude that she had been permitted to make his invalid years comfortable and happy. When I sought to tell her of my tremendous admiration of her inspiring courage, she replied simply, "God is always adequate for our needs." Without a faith like that, she could not have lived like that!

Think you've "had it"? Why not take another look. . . this one through the eyes of a deep faith in an adequate God? (Published by special arrangement with Dr. Chester Swor, 907 Whitworth St., Jackson, Miss. 39202.)

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Sonia Flores, in front of the Wilkersons' house on the lagoon. An



The airport at Puerto Lempira



The Wilkersons and Owens and some of their friends at the airport in Puerto Lempira.

## Mississippians Help Support Missionary On Miskito Coast

By Anne Washburn McWilliams  
(Fourth in a Series)

"The U. S. made good planes in those days," I kept telling myself. "This old relic will make the trip. After all, it's been around since World War II and hasn't crashed yet." Green jungle unrolled below, mile after mile. Frigid air swept in around the windows, and I buttoned my coat. SAHSA was the name of the Honduran airline — somebody said the letters stood for STAY AT HOME: STAY ALIVE. Was that really a joke?

Suddenly great patches of water appeared below, a network of lagoons. We had reached the Mosquito Coast, as far away from civilization as you can get in Central America. Skillfully the pilot brought the old craft down onto the narrow red dirt landing strip, one hour and fifty minutes from Tegucigalpa. With three bounces and a jerk, we landed at the very edge of Puerto Lempira. There stood Landon Wilkerson with his wide, warm smile.

"There's a terrific wind blowing in from the Caribbean," he said. "It looks like another hurricane might be building up. We didn't think the plane would even try to come today!"

When I met the Wilkersons in Yazoo City last summer I was immediately infected with enthusiasm about what they — and the Lord — have been doing in southeast Honduras. Seven years ago when these Kentuckians went to Gracias a Dios there were only three Baptists in the isolated state. Now there are nine Baptist churches and several missions among the 18,000 Miskito Indians. Where many had never heard of Christ, more than 900 have accepted him as their Savior. These churches are part of the Honduran Baptist Convention which last year reported a total of 27 churches and 1677 members. Landon has also made contacts with the Paya and Sumo Indians. A model village has been built to help teach the Indians a better way of living, physically, and an experimental farm is being cultivated to discover what crops will best grow on the land. Landon's wife, Pat, ministers to the ill through her small clinic.

A good many years ago, Landon first saw the Miskitos when he was a semi-professional diver off the Honduran coast. Later, when the Lord called him to mission service, he remembered these people and their needs. He remembered their primitive culture. He remembered that they were often hungry, because they did not know how to grow more food. He remembered the sick who had no doctor. He thought of their crude huts open to wind and rain. He knew that they were thirsty for the Living Water. Only one missionary, a Moravian, was there before him.

Though he is an independent missionary, Landon cooperates with other Southern Baptist mis-

sionaries to Honduras. His work is supported by Agricultural Missions Foundation, Inc. (with headquarters in Yazoo City, Ms.), by First Baptist Church of Apopka, Florida, and other churches and individuals in at least five states.

Though the house was within walking distance, we rode in the pick-up with Pat and four-year-old Mary Frances. "This truck was delivered last year by barge," Landon told us. "It is one of only 17 or 20 motor vehicles in the state. Not many are needed because there are only 19 miles of road."

The house that Landon built was on pilings at the edge of the lagoon — away from the scorpions and mosquitos. The swishing of the waves against the shore would be good music to sleep by, I thought.

"Leonardo Alvarez made this handcarved mahogany rocker," Pat said. "He was the first convert to be baptized after we moved here." I noticed that the other furniture was handmade, too — the chairs, two couches, beds, and dining table.

"We bought the kerosene freezer and refrigerator in Tegucigalpa in October," Landon said. "Now we can keep some meat, and Pat can keep her penicillins in it, too." Agricultural Missions Foundation helped to buy that.

Mary Frances showed us her building blocks, gifts from Mrs. Gené Triggs of Yazoo City. Then we met her sister, Monica, 11, and two brothers, Patrick, almost 13, and Billy, 15.

About 300 people live at Puerto Lempira, the state capital, including the governor and a military garrison. "The misfits and rejects of society often come here, or are sent here. Like the Russians have Siberia, the Hondurans have Puerto Lempira!" Once a governor, reported to be insane, arrested Landon and stood him before a firing squad. "If he had run," Pat said, "they would surely have shot him." But he stood still — and prayed. After 24 hours in custody he was released. Later this governor killed himself.

One or two stores sell canned or dried groceries, and hardware, a few fabrics and cosmetics. These are brought in by plane or on the monthly boat.

We walked through a beautiful grove of mango trees to the First Baptist Church of Puerto Lempira. I asked what those big black birds were, that kept circling overhead. "Buzzards," was the reply.

"And stay on the path. We wouldn't want you to step on a scorpion." The church was in the center of the town, with concrete block houses on one side and grass-thatched bamboo houses on the other.

The church is an attractive one, built of concrete blocks made by hand. Also the pews and the wood-

en louvers at the windows are made by hand. When I saw these and the desks in the children's schoolroom, made by Leonardo, I understood why Hondurans are famous for their wood carvings. "The church bell came from a mission in Yazoo City, Mississippi," Pat said. "And Landon and I installed the big plastic window in the shape of a cross." Plastic? It looked like stained glass.

There is an education building in which the young pastor, Damian Reyes, teaches Bible institutes. Pastors and laymen come from other churches in the area to study the Bible. One man walked 77 miles for this opportunity.

After prayer meeting at First Baptist Church we didn't have long to sit around and talk, because the electricity went off, at nine o'clock. (It had come on at six.)

"I believe that the constantly blowing wind can be harnessed with windmills so we can have electricity all the time." This was the observation of Charles Owen, He and his wife, Jean, and their daughters, Mickey and Terry, had come to Puerto Lempira from Arkansas in early November to join the Wilkersons in their tasks. An electronics engineer and a school teacher, he will teach the MKs, his own and the Wilkersons. Also he is keeping the motor vehicles repaired — three motorbikes, two chain saws, and four boats.

Besides the windmills, he has ideas for putting up a transmitter so that he can open a radio station. Also he will help Landon with agricultural experiments. He said, "At Miskito, not far from here, are twenty houses full of hungry people. Yet they are built on the richest plot of land I have ever seen. That land will grow anything!" He hopes to teach that community and others how to grow vegetable gardens. Mrs. Owens plans to sew for the missionary families and hopes to have sewing classes for the Miskito women.

Among the Miskito pastors, only one or two are ordained yet. Thus, Landon travels over a very wide territory, on foot or by boat (it takes a week to walk across the state) to baptize new converts, to help with observance of the Lord's Supper, and to preach. Supporters of his work had promised to send a helicopter and he was hoping this would arrive within a few weeks. Patrick Grissom, 22-year-old bachelor pilot from Arkansas, will live in an apartment in the church annex. The helicopter will save an enormous amount of time now spent in travel.

Wednesday morning we got up early to go to Kokota, one of the Indian villages. The day before, Landon and Billy had gone on their motorbikes to scout a trail through the marsh so we could avoid crossing the rough lagoon in a dugout. First, we rode several miles in the truck. Then we start-

ed walking through knee-high hummocks of grass, my borrowed boots sinking into the bog at every step. Not to help matters much, Landon said, "We haven't seen any snakes, but we have probably scared a dozen over that way!"

Beyond the marsh, Henry Water met us in the dugout, to take us across one lagoon that was semi-sheltered from the wind and then across a fresh water lagoon to Kokota. Of Jamaican and Miskito parentage, Henry is a Christian and a skilled boatman who has worked for Landon since he first went to Puerto Lempira. He speaks English well, and told us that his 15 children and 37 grandchildren all speak at least two languages.

My friend and I were the fourth and fifth American women to visit Kokota, at least in recent times. The bamboo huts under the grove of coconut trees were bare of furniture except for wooden shelves used for beds, and containers to hold the fires for cooking. Since these small huts are open to the wind and rain, it is good that the weather is always warm. "The people eat mostly cassava, fish, and beans," Landon said. "Their three greatest desires are for a radio, a 22 rifle, and a sewing machine. Yet most don't have any way to earn money, and not much place to spend it."

Mario Santiago, the Kokota pastor, welcomed us to the village and to the Baptist church that has been built there. The church choir had prepared a music service especially for us. Nothing has moved me so deeply in a long time as that music. Two of the songs were "We'll Understand It Better By and By," and "In the Sweet By and By." Besides guitars, their instruments included a turtle shell struck with sticks, blocks of wood knocked together, and a string run through a tub and plucked. The whole village came to the service, and when we left, the people all stood at the church door to shake our hands. A small boy climbed a coconut tree to give us a drink of fresh coconut juice.

Then our next stop was the model village of Yazoo, named for Yazoo City, Mississippi. Twelve of 24 projected houses have been built of wood with metal roofs, and eight families are now living there. They have built some furniture such as tables and chairs. Also they are building their kitchens separately from the houses, for fire prevention and to make the living area cooler, and to prevent the constant breathing of smoke. One store has been built for a future trading post. Fruit trees such as oranges and limes and mangos have been planted and wells have been dug. We walked across a big field of

coconut trees that have been planted and are growing well. Landon said that each tree will be worth a great deal, because the coconuts can be used for food and also can be traded for other supplies. Projects for 1975 are 12 baby pigs; one Brahma bull; running water to every home, including piping and pump (about \$500); having families to plant a minimum of two acres of rice; 11 chicken coops for 11 families with six chickens; and two goats.

On the return trip we decided we'd rather risk the rough lagoon than to walk across the marsh. Wrapped in raincoats we were prepared for a good soaking. Henry, the boatman, guided us safely across.

An ice cold shower in the Wilkersons' bathroom (they do have running water now, from a nearby well) was refreshing after the "day at sea." The rice and beans, fried plantain and tortillas for supper were some of the best food I ever tasted! Exercise and fresh air are wonderful for the appetite.

While we had been gone, Pat had been busy in the clinic. She had given whooping cough shots, pulled teeth, treated an infected foot, given an old lady some medicine for high blood pressure. Though she had not delivered any babies, on many other days she had. A large shipment of medicines sent from Yazoo City were expected to arrive shortly. Pat said that Puerto Lempira does have a small hospital, but if the doctors there are either student doctors or men who are not very competent. She said that one of the real needs at Puerto Lempira is for professional teams, dentists and/or doctors, to contribute time to help these people. Particularly eye doctors are needed, for she has found that many have an eye disease, a growth she believes could be removed so that the blind can see.

Another need which Landon mentioned is fuel for the helicopter when it arrives. During 1975 he prayerfully hopes to have a part in winning at least 500 more to Christ in Honduras and 500 more to Christ in Nicaragua. Last year three went from Puerto Lempira to Nicaragua. During their 30-day mission, they saw 45 Nicaraguans make professions of faith. Landon also hopes this year to provide Christian education, through two-week courses, for at least 96. In addition, he hopes to lead in the building of six Oldham-type churches (with financial aid from Oldham Foundation) and 12 regular type churches.

Thursday morning we said farewell at the airport, and I realized I was no longer scared of the DC-3. Mr. Owens and the MKs left school so that they could join the rest of the town in seeing us off. Before I left I received a gift to commemorate my visit — a hammock woven by the Indians from shrub net picked up in the lagoon. When I see it hanging in my yard it is a reminder to say a prayer for the Wilkersons and the Owens and the Miskitos in Puerto Lempira.



Pat Wilkerson and Mary Frances inside the clinic. The examining table was a gift from Operation Shoe String in Jackson, MS.



Patrick Wilkerson in front of First Baptist Church, Puerto Lempira. The church bell came from Mississippi.



Henry Water, boatman



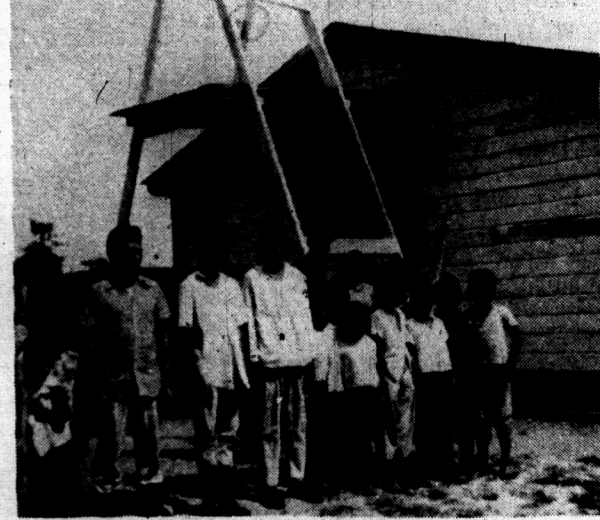
Mario Santiago, Kokota pastor, and his family. Mario studied at the theological institute in Tegucigalpa.



Landon Wilkerson talks with a woman at Kokota.



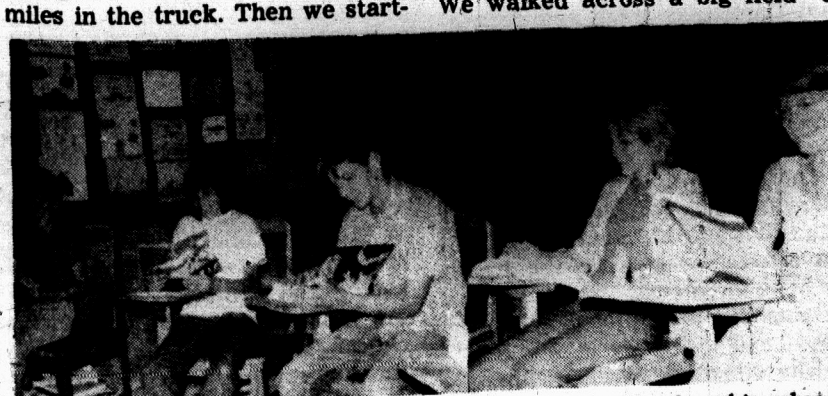
Anne McWilliams, left, and Margaret Fry of Jackson drink coconut juice at Kokota.



The Baptist church at the village of Kokota.



Musicians at Kokota.



The school room for the missionaries' children is in the church's education building. Leonardo Alvarez made the desks. Left to right, Patrick Wilkerson, Mickey Owen, Billy Wilkerson, Terry Owen, and Monica Wilkerson.



Pastor's wife, Mrs. Miles Vance, left, at Yazoo, and a friend



A Yazoo kitchen, built separately from the house.



Boat landing at Yazoo.

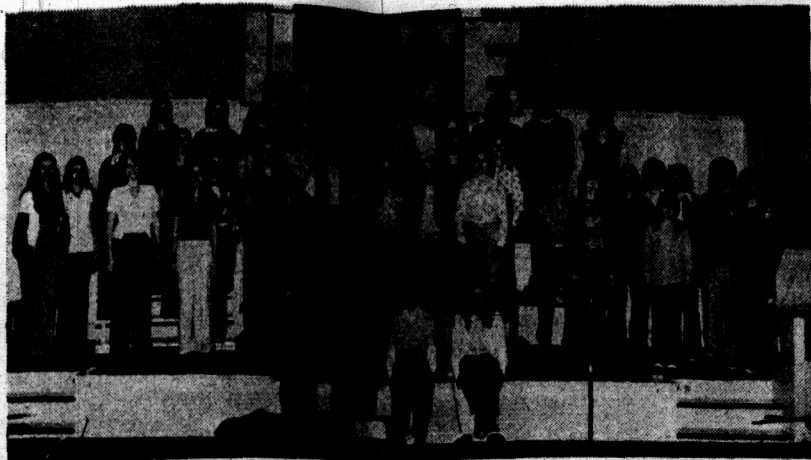


Landon, beside a chicken coop at Yazoo.





**BLUE MOUNTAIN SINGERS ON TOUR**—Blue Mountain College has announced the itinerary for the Blue Mountain Singers in February and March. The Singers are under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Robertson, (insert). They were guests at First Church, Corinth, February 9, other appearances will include First Church, Holly Springs, February 16, evening worship service; First Church, Iuka, February 23, at 7 p.m.; First Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, March 9, morning worship service. The Singers will be in Nashville March 9-12, for participation in the Praisings, 1975. Mrs. Robertson, associate professor of music at Blue Mountain and director of the Singers, insert, is making her tenth tour with the group.



**POPLAR SPRINGS DRIVE YOUTH CHOIR**, under the direction of Jack Cochran, minister of music and youth, has prepared for presentation to junior high, high school, and church groups the gospel musical, "Love." The 40 voice choir presented this program for the church on January 26. Another public performance is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, in the church auditorium in connection with Lauderdale Baptist Youth Night. Rev. James A. Ruffin is pastor of the church.

## Today's Youth

### MK Earns Money For Visit "Home" To Hong Kong

(FORT WORTH, Tex.)—When Dale Wilson gets homesick, it's a pretty good guess that he has got an itching to go back to Hong Kong. Recently he decided to scratch that itch and made plans to return to the place of his birth this past summer. Dale's parents, who had been Southern Baptist missionaries to Hong Kong, had returned to the United States in 1972, but Dale talked of going back.

Dale's father, George Wilson, professor of educational administration at Southwestern Seminary, told his then 15 year old son that he would not be able to give him the money to make such a trip. Dale decided to work for it and with his parents' consent, he began to seek ways of earning the money.

One of his first jobs was cutting people's lawns on a regular basis. Later he sold subscriptions to a local Fort Worth newspaper. Slowly but surely his savings account grew. Dale said that he had to sacrifice a lot of things, like going to movies and eating out. Some of his friends started calling him "Stingy" but within eight months after he started his project, Dale had saved up \$1300-\$1400. This was enough for a round trip ticket by plane and spending money for the two month trip plus an unplanned excursion to Malaysia and Thailand.

Dale's parents had no apprehensions about their son traveling alone to "home." Dr. Wilson said, "I have a lot of personal confidence in Dale. He knows what he's doing. I trust his judgment."

The Wilsons were also sure that Dale really wanted to make this trip. For one thing, at his parents' request, Dale did not let his school grades suffer while he worked. He made straight A's.

While Dale was in Hong Kong he had a chance to see many of the things which he had missed when he lived there. This had been one of the reasons for his trip. Another reason Dale wanted to go was "to see if my Chinese was okay." To check this out, Dale spent his Sunday mornings in Chinese worship services with former schoolmates and missionary friends.

"Many of the Chinese who did not know me were surprised to hear me speak their language but they liked it because all of the tourists speak English." Dale also noted that he was shocked to see so many of the American missionaries going to the English speaking churches in Hong Kong. "I feel that they would do more good if they would go to the Chinese services and work with them and learn the native language," he said.

Not all of Dale's time was spent in church. He visited various Oriental temples, saw the countryside, took lots of pictures and collected souvenirs.

Dale also got the opportunity to go to Malaysia and Thailand with some missionary friends who were taking a vacation there. He had to travel back to Hong Kong by himself by train and airplane but he said, "I wasn't nervous. I had a great time and met a lot of people."

Dale turned sixteen while in Hong Kong and celebrated with a birthday cake, a night out shopping with friends and eating a bowl of turtle soup. While most American tourists lost their appetites and weight when traveling overseas, Dale claimed that he had gained ten pounds. "I really like their food," he said. "Trouble was that when I got back to Texas, I had to get used to this 'foreign' food all over again."

### Snowed Under

The Special Mission Ministries Department of the Home Mission Board was snowed under in January with approximately 1,200 applications for student summer missions. Department secretary, Sally Fricks and Jerrie Long, processing secretary, have been helping the department's associate director, Emory Smith, sort the applications from which will be selected 600 students for 10 week terms of service. Another 400 college students will be selected and sponsored in summer missions by the state Baptist Student Unions.

### Sophomore From Laurel Most Beautiful At Clarke

Gwendolyn Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Warren of Laurel, was chosen 1975 Clarke College Most Beautiful.

Miss Warren, a sophomore is a graduate of West Jones High School.

At Clarke she is active in BYW, BSU, Concert Choir, the Singers and the C's. She has played a variety of roles in dramas presented at Clarke College. Her hobbies are singing, sewing, painting, canoeing and camping. The Laurel lovely is also very active in her church, Highland, Laurel. In addition to working with Clarke BSU groups at the Indian Mission at Philadelphia, she has done mission work in New York, Canada and Washington, D. C.

Miss Karen Jones, Meridian, was 1st runner-up; Leita Crabtree, Vicksburg, 2nd runner-up; Gwen Elliott of Quitman, 3rd runner-up and Barbara Lilliotson of Vicksburg 4th runner-up in the 1975 Clarke Beauty Contest sponsored by the College annual staff.

For Miss Warren's talent performance she sang "A Dixie Medley" and played her own accompaniment at the piano.

In the evening gown competition contestants were escorted by Clarke young men wearing distinctive blue tuxedos and couples moved with graceful poise achieved only through careful preparation.

Winner Gwynn Warren was escorted by Robert Gwaltney of Trenton, Illinois, recently voted Clarke's 1975 Most Handsome.

Dr. W. L. Compere, Clarke College President, crowned 1975 Most Beautiful. Clarke's 1974 Most Beautiful, Melita Shoemaker, presented red roses to Miss Warren and a red rose each to those in the runner-up group.

Mrs. A. L. McGaugh, director of student affairs at Clarke, was general chairman of the pageant.

For the first time Clarke's Most Beautiful will participate in the Miss Mississippi Pageant at Vicksburg in July and, if winner there, will be eligible to enter the Miss American contest.



Gwendolyn Warren, Clarke's 1975 Most Beautiful.

### Homecoming Queen:

### Fifth In Family

### To Attend Carey



A lovely Christian co-ed at William Carey College began her reign Saturday, February 8, as the 1975 Homecoming Queen.

From a most unusual north Mississippi family of 11 children, Myra Howell is No. 10 in the line-up. She is the 5th Howell child to attend William Carey College and will be graduated in May along with her brother, Conrad, who is currently serving as state president of the Mississippi Baptist Student Union.

Myra is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Howell. Her father is now the pastor of Friendship Baptist Church near Pontotoc. With 11 children the Howell financial resources have been limited but the parents have provided strong motivation and all but one child, who is a semi-invalid, has had a college education.

Myra's mother last year completed her degree in elementary education at Ole Miss. "She is probably going on for her master's degree," smiled Myra, as if that would be nothing unusual for her mother.

In addition to being named this year's Homecoming queen by her fellow students, Myra is editor of the Oobler, the Carey campus newspaper, she has been named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and is a member of the Baptist Student Union and the Leadership Fraternity.

Christian dedication and determination run deep all through the Howell family. Other Carey Howells are now serving in such capacities as educational director for a Mt. Airey Baptist Church in North Carolina, associate pastor for Rawls Springs Church in Hattiesburg, associate pastor and youth director of a Leesburg, Fla. Baptist Church and pastor for a Baptist Church in Frankfort, Ky. Other Howell brothers and sisters are involved in social work and teaching positions.

## Christmas Is Forever

"Veher Kalendy"—evening of Carol singing—this is what takes place in Polish Baptist churches from December 25 to February 2.

Christmas hymns are thought too beautiful to sing only at Christmas.

### 29 From State On 1974 Staff At Ridgecrest

Despite the disappointment of no snow there was still excitement in the "LAND OF THE SKY" as 80 young people gathered at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center at Ridgecrest, N. C. December 28-31 marked the dates of the annual Winter Youth Celebration sponsored by the Church Training Department in Nashville. Of the 80 staffers that served on the "Christmas" staff, some 70 were former summer LEAD Program participants.

The summer staff program at Ridgecrest, called the LEAD Program, is a program of collegiate leadership development and is composed of college-aged young adults dedicated to serving others. MISSISSIPPI was well represented last summer in the LEAD Program with 29 of 381 participants. Those from MISSISSIPPI that participated in the program were:

Sandra Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. George Collier; Danny Cummings; Alice Germany; Paul Gray; Mrs. Marguerite Harlow; Vicki Hillman; Mari Ann Hollis.

Keith Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jenkins; Grady Jones; Doug Jordan; Cathy Legrone; Lamar Massingill; Janet Mayhall.

Pam Morrow; Helen Mullen; Robert Mullen; Donna Oakes; Nancy Page; Darlene Porter; Steve Smith; Anita Westmoreland.

Pam Stewart; Robin Stewart; Ronald Stroupe; Yvonne Waters.

Applications are now being accepted at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center for a Summer of Service '75.

mas. Thus it is that in Poland and some other European countries the carols are still sung for at least a month afterward, and this in a festive way.

The "kalendy" I attended was on January 12, in the Baptist church of Warsaw. Pastor Alexander Kircun read the Christmas story from Luke 2.

The choir sang throughout the evening program, and there were appropriate readings between the choral presentations. The readings made a continuous story which related the joyful event about which they were singing. The congregation sang several carols.

To these worshippers "Christmas is forever."

Next morning, walking along the streets of Warsaw, I noticed that Christmas trees and decorations (officially for the New Year, in many cases) were still up in homes and shops. Still at that time, early in the morning, I saw Christmas tree lights.

There seems to be something eternal about the Christmas message that speaks even to the secular heart. Perhaps it is the dream or hope for security, the desire for lasting friendship, for peace in the heart and in the world.

The afterglow of Christmas is a sign that men and women are not satisfied with material things alone. In the spiritual dimension there is the longing for perfect peace, perfect love, perfect happiness and joy—which the Christian finds in Christ.

Singing Christmas carols in January is a way to say that God's giving of the perfect gift did not end on December 25 but continues to cast out fear and bring peace, joy and love.

Christmas is forever. (EBPS)

Produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, "Country Crossroads" features country music, interviews with top country stars, and is so successful that it is now heard on 545 radio stations around the country.

## A Salute To Acteens And Girls In Action

February 9-16 is WMU Focus Week. In keeping with this, the following feature is printed, recognizing Girls in Action and Acteens. These photographs are representative of many recognition services held during the past year. Because of limited space, similar pictures will not be printed again in the Record until WMU Focus Week, 1976.



**THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD** was the theme of the coronation service at Hebron Church (Jeff Davis). Mrs. Vernon L. Riley, Acteens director, was in charge; Mrs. R. L. Daughdrill, WMU director, welcomed the visitors. Front row, left to right: Cheri Morris, Queen; Glenda Morris, Queen-Regent-in-Servise; Geraldine Smith, Queen. Second row: Kathy Stevenson, GA award; Laura Smith, GA award. Third row: Beth Buckley, Queen-Regent-in-Servise; Holly Magee, Queen-Regent-in-Servise; Betty Riley, Queen Regent; Angie Stevenson, Queen Regent; Jane Morris, Queen Regent. Rev. R. G. Bilbo is pastor. Mrs. Jerrell Smith is leader, assisted by Sally Land.



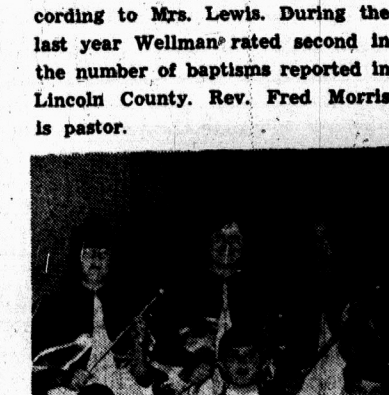
Acteens of Cedar Grove Church, Columbia, held their Studia Recognition Service September 8. They honored six queens, one queen-with-a-cepter, and one queen regent-in-service. Left to right with attendants: Allison Breland-April Bourne; Charlotte Willoughby-Brian Stewart; Marcia Fortenberry-Sarah Bourne; Rhonda Harrell-Melissa Harrell and Jamie Fortenberry; Robbie McNeese-Tania Fortenberry and Randy Pittman; Susan Breland-Elaine Blansett; Gail Bankston-Tabetha Reid; and Becky Pittman-Tracy Selman.



**WELLMAN (LINCOLN)** Acteens leader is Mrs. Peggy Lewis, back row, left. Acteens to receive top honors were: back row, Amy Bristler, Queen; Sherry Jordan, Queen with Scepter; Sandra Jordan, Queen. Other girls seated are Martha Bristler, Taniel Boyd, Karen Bristler, Diane Reid, Sheila Lewis, Shelia Quin, Lisa Lewis, Loretta Boyd, and (not present) Connie Williamson, Angie Rushings, Sharron Bristler, Margaret and Donna Russell. Each of the girls is a Christian, according to Mrs. Lewis. During the last year Wellman rated second in the number of baptisms reported in Lincoln County. Rev. Fred Morris is pastor.



**WELLMAN CHURCH** recently held special services in recognition of their Acteens and Girls in Action. Leaders of the Girls in Action, back row, left to right: Mrs. Marla Hux and Mrs. Margie McKee. Girls receiving collars and pins for Adventure One: Shelia Lewis, Angie Quin, Lisa Lewis, Loretta Boyd, Vickie Costlow, (seated) Cindy Clark, Vicki Baker, Jan Bristler, and (not present) Cindy and Amy DeLaughter, Jane Russell.



Dana Loving, left, and Anita Wong, right, were recognized September 29, by First Church, Greenville for attaining the rank of Queen Regent in Acteens. They were the first from the church to reach this status. Dana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Loving and Anita's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wong. Their Acteens leaders are: Mrs. Julian Lamb, Mrs. Larry Brooks, and Mrs. Joe Morgan.



**AT FIRST, COFFEEVILLE**, on March 24, three girls received their capes signifying advancement to Queen Regent. They with their pages, are (left to right) Frankie Landreth and Tony Moore, Roxanne Stewart and Charles Boxx, and Susan Brower and Alan McCullar. Mrs. Carolyn Bullinsley is Acteens Director and Mrs. Dorothy Price, Girls in Action director. Mission Friends sang for this service (their leader is Mrs. Alice Landreth.) Mrs. Donnie Stewart is WMU director.



**INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK SUPPER**—Mrs. Toni Myers, missionary to Vietnam, was guest speaker for an Acteens' international supper at Sunflower Church, where she led the study of the book, Mission for Tomorrow. Acteens of Sunflower Church were hostesses for the event, and Acteens from First Church, Indianapolis were their guests. Pictured are Donna Watson, Tami Parker, and Terry Parker.



# Early Believers: A Reconciling People

By Wm. J. Falls  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21;  
Galatians 3:27-29; 6:1-7;  
Ephesians 2:13-16; Philimon

Nearly six months ago we had our first lesson under the general heading "The Living God Seeks Man." God chose Abraham, a man of faith, and his family became the Chosen People for God's purpose. But their sin led to centuries of tragedy and suffering, and the voice of the prophets seemed to be stilled forever. Then in Bethlehem began the most remarkable chapter in the whole story as God revealed himself through his son. In the life and teachings of Jesus, God was seeking man — and finally through death and resurrection. Those who believed in him became a fellowship of faith and power, demonstrating the Jesus way in their worship and service. This lesson focuses on a fourth characteristic of these "new people" — commitment to the reconciling life.

The Lesson Explained  
Life is New in Christ  
2 Cor. 5:16-17

The church in Corinth had many problems; some serious ones were revealed in Paul's letters. One or more members had apparently opposed Paul and insulted him to his face before the church. This second epistle attempted to vindicate the apostolic gospel he had declared, reaching its peak in the passage selected for this lesson. Verse 16 cannot be understood without using the "wherefore" to look back at the two preceding verses. Christ's death and resurrection were not merely physical and historical events; all men were involved in their meanings. Those who accept these meanings and find life in Christ must not live only for themselves. They must live for him and for others. Therefore, they could not evaluate men and women as the world sees them ("after the flesh"). Nor could they think of Christ according to the world's standards. Being in Christ (identified with him) was such a radically differ-

ent relationship from any that the world could offer that it was like being a "new creation." The body might be unchanged, but outlook, attitudes, values, and openness to others were new. Life was new — in Christ.

A New Pattern For Life  
2 Cor. 5:18-21

At the beginning of verse 18 a better translation is "All this is from God." He is the source of this newness in life. To clarify the idea of reconciliation, "Today's English Version" says that God "through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends." There has never been any hostility on God's part, but his creatures have alienated themselves from him. The channel of reconciliation was opened through Christ, and God wants us to help others be delivered of their alienation from God. "God was in Christ" changing enemies of God into friends and not holding their sins against them. Remembering the way Jesus related to people in need shows that was the way God had worked through him. This same message had been Paul's word to

the Corinthians; he was declaring it again as a representative of Christ. Although he was writing to a church, he felt that the people still needed to face up to the heart of the gospel and let it transform their lives. They needed to see the marvelous truth that the sinless Christ had to bear the curse of sin so we could share the righteousness of God. Ways To Follow That Pattern Gal. 6:1-7


Men and women who have been reconciled to God will want to help others have that same experience. Also, in their homes, churches, and communities they will want to demonstrate the reconciling spirit. In this Galatians passage, Paul points out some ways in which it can be practiced. If a man is caught in some kind of wrongdoing, the men of the church who are endowed with the Spirit should help him mend his relationships — in a gentle manner, of course. While he and the church are being reconciled, each member must also beware of being tempted. Another way of following this pattern is helping oth-

ers with their problems. A proud person won't do that; he or she will think such service is demeaning. At the same time he refuses to "fulfill the law of Christ" he also fools himself about his value. The reconciling spirit begins with an honest self-evaluation and an acceptance of one's own responsibility.

Those who are studying the Christian message should be generous to their teachers. This specific precept seems to have triggered a general principle in Paul's thinking: God cannot be fooled; the seed determines the crop. Self-centeredness cannot become a sheaf of generous deeds.


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# Ministering Through Encouragement

By Bill Duncan  
Acts 4:32-37; 9:26-29a;  
11:19-26; 16:36-41

Many years ago a new teacher was assigned to a one-room school in Indiana. As was customary, the school bullies tried to bluff him the first day. The ringleader drew a comic picture of the new teacher, wrote a few lines under it, and created quite a stir by passing it around the class. Seeing it, the teacher said, "Jim, will you please stay after school a few minutes. I want to talk to you."

Jim's friends hung around outside to see what happened. Could the new teacher lick the bully? To their surprise, Jim soon emerged with a book under his arm and went whistling on his way. The new teacher had disarmed him by saying, "Jim, you have a rare talent. Your ability to write and draw should be developed. I have a book of stories and poems. Would you take it home and draw me some pictures to illustrate the stories?"

Thus he fanned to life a spark of latent genius within the overgrown bully, resulting in the turning point of the beloved Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley. The author of our January Bible

study guide, J. Estill Jones, said, "In a real sense living is problem solving." In a time of economic insecurity there developed a problem. There were the "haves" and the "have-nots." The solution was simple. The "haves" shared with the "have-nots." So long as food was available for some, they decided to share. When food gave out, those who had property sold it and shared the proceeds with the fellowship.

In trying to build a fellowship of mutuality of sharing, a new leader developed. The people called him Barnabas but his real name was Joseph. Because of his generous deed, the apostles called him Barnabas which means "Son of Consolation." He was a Levite and thus a part of the religious leadership of the nation. His original home was Cyprus.

His example of sharing proved to be an encouragement to the whole church. He shared what he had. He gave it completely, no strings attached — no longer exercising control over its use. Perhaps he enjoyed giving of his material possessions so much that it was easy to give himself when the opportunity arose.

When a worker came to Jerusalem everyone was afraid of him except Barnabas. This man was called Saul. The apostles were asking, "Is this a trick?" Only under the sponsorship of Barnabas was Saul received by the church. Barnabas vouched for Saul's conversion and his Damascus ministry.

Word came to the church at Jerusalem about the conversion of the Gentiles in Antioch. Barnabas, whose reputation of encouragement was well known, was sent to Antioch as a mission of diplomacy. He saw what the Lord was doing in the new work. Under his guidance the work began to grow. When thinking about possible helpers, Barnabas remembered Saul of Tarsus, the young man he had sponsored at Jerusalem. So he went to Tarsus and got him to come and work with him.

When Barnabas and Paul went to Jerusalem to carry a gift for the relief of the poor (Acts 11:27-30), John Mark came back with them to Antioch. Again the Son of Encouragement is engaged in the ministry of helping a young preacher get a chance.

When the missionary team started making plans for a second trip "abroad," Barnabas wanted to carry John Mark. Paul (as he

was called by that time) objected because he remembered how John Mark had left them on the first trip. Barnabas felt so strongly about carrying John Mark with him that a division arose and two teams got started. Later Paul may have felt that Barnabas was right about John Mark because he acknowledged the young man's worth to him.

Disagreement between church leaders is possible. However, God can and does bring something good out of such disagreements. Two men committed to God's will may interpret that will differently; but because of their personal commitment, they earnestly will seek to serve God.

Older Christians need to encourage and help the young. Paul needed the leadership of Barnabas. The encouragement meant a great deal to the cause of Christianity. Christians must be sensitive to the needs of others.

Barnabas stands out as a great Christian because of his encouragement. He did this by an example of generosity, by befriending a few workers, by accepting the new members of the fellowship for who they were and by his loyalty to one who had failed. Barnabas believed in people. At Antioch "he encouraged the believers to stay close to the Lord, whatever the cost" (Living Bible).

The greatest thing that a man can have is someone who believes in him. Robert Hastings recalls one of his favorite teachers as being Floyd Baggett, fifth grade in Marion, Illinois. One day the teacher asked the pupils to try and

## W. Jackson Plans Puppet Seminar—Register Early!

A puppet seminar will be sponsored by West Jackson Church, Jackson, on March 1, from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Peter Zapletal, puppetry director for the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television. Those who would like to participate are urged to register by February 19. For further information, or to register, contact Larry Lawrence, West Jackson Baptist Church, 3930 South Drive, Jackson, MS 39209 (phone 353-1686), or Becky Allen, 191 York Drive, Jackson, MS 39209 (phone 922-5950). Courses offered will range from "muppets" — hand and rod puppet construction, technique, and use — to the puppet in the church. Lunch will be served, according to Rev. Dewitt Mitchell, pastor.

## Revival Dates

Grace Memorial, Gulfport: February 23-26; Evangelist Moody Adams of Baton Rouge, La., preaching; Jack Price of New Orleans, music evangelist; Rev. Jim Futral, pastor.

First Church, Petal: Feb. 16-21; services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Charles C. Brock, pastor First Church, Calhoun City, evangelist; Mike Hogan, minister of music, singer; Rev. W. A. Ford-ham, pastor.

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## Devotional

## Life's Greatest Question

By Fred Trexler, Jr., Pastor, First, Richton

Paul and Silas had been put in jail and the Bible says "And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:26-31).

Paul gave us the answer to life's greatest question. However, in our day, we need to fully understand the meaning of his words. The word believe as used by the Apostle Paul in the Greek language of his day means more than just to believe with your mind. There are many people who may believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God with their minds and still not be saved.

The Bible tells us that the devil believes this. "And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread" (Matthew 4:3). We also read in the book of James, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" (James 2:19,20).

The word believe means to trust in and commit yourself to Jesus Christ. The kind of faith that saves us is the kind that involves our hearts as well as our heads. This is why Paul said: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9,10).

Could it be possible that this is the reason that some of the people on our church rolls never worship regularly and serve God faithfully?

It is such a blessing to know the forgiveness of our sins and that we have been saved. However, it is an even greater blessing to know that we have been saved and that it is forever and we will never lose it. When we are saved we become a child of God. We are born spiritually into His family. When a child is born physically and grows up, it makes the parents happiest when their child is obedient. However, nothing can change the fact that the child will always be theirs by birth.

Paul answered life's greatest question and once we have truly believed on Jesus Christ with all our heart, we are saved forever.

## Christian Action Sponsors Marriage Enrichment Retreats

A series of Marriage Enrichment Retreats are being held this spring in various locations. Clarke College ministerial students engaged in such a retreat January 30, 31, with Dr. and Mrs. J. Clark Hensley of Jackson as leaders. The Hensleys, assisted by Rev. and Mrs. William Smith, Nettleton, will conduct a marriage enrichment retreat at First Church, Amory February 14-16.

Another retreat, sponsored by

the Christian Action Commission, is scheduled for the Gulf Coast February 27 - March 1, beginning Thursday evening at supper and closing Saturday noon. The retreat will be held at the Gulf Park Campus of the University of Southern Mississippi and is open to those who make reservations through the Christian Action Commission office, providing the limited number is not already filled at the time the application is received.

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At the conclusion of the Gulf Coast workshop, it is expected that 75 couples in Mississippi will be trained to give leadership in this field. Pastors interested who do not know where to locate trained personnel should contact the Christian Action Commission, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

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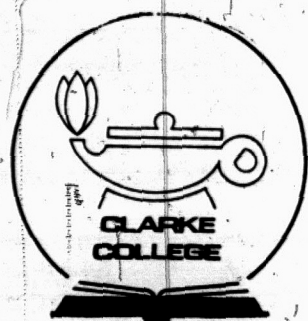
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Pastor Jim Futral is shown with his wife and children and one of the two big cakes baked for the 70th anniversary of Grace Memorial, Gulfport.

## Grace Memorial: 70th Anniversary

The seventieth anniversary of Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport was observed on January 19. Testimonials were given concerning occurrences of early years under the faithful guidance of Rev. P. S. Dodge, pastor there for 39 years. He was succeeded by Rev. H. J. Rushing, who served from 1907 until 1963. Rev. Bill Duncan served one year. Rev. Charles Brock was their pastor 1965-1973. Rev. Jim Futral has been pastor since May, 1974.

During the fellowship hour cake and punch were served to about 150 members and their guests. Two large cakes (baked and served by the ladies of the church) were decorated with roses and had the words (Happy Seventieth Anniversary to Grace Memorial) written on them.

The original building was on the corner of 25th Avenue and 29th Street. The church since 1955 has been at the corner of 23rd Avenue and 23rd Street.

then healthy marriages rather than heal shaky marriages. The retreat can be an enriching experience for a couple married one month or fifty years. The goal is to increase the awareness of the positive resources in each marriage relationship and to provide an opportunity for couples to share these strengths with one another in an empathizing and identifying group under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

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There will be an 11 a.m. service, dinner at the church, then an afternoon service of dedication at 1:30. The interim pastor, Dr. John E. Barrow, will speak at 11 a.m. Rev. L. B. Atchinson, Director of Missions for Jeff Davis Association, will bring the sermon of dedication at 1:30.

The act of dedicating will be led by the Interim Pastor. Following this, members and friends will gather outside for the laying of the cornerstone. The benediction will be led by Rev. L. C. Anthony, moderator of the association.

All former pastors, former members, and friends are invited.

Renewal Evangelism  
Weekend Slated  
In Yazoo City

Rev. James F. Yates, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, joins the local coordinator, Dr. Roland Stevens, in announcing a Renewal Evangelism Week-end February 14-16 directed by Reid Hardin, a staff member of the Home Mission Board.

All events will be held at First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, and vicinity with the first meeting of team captains on Friday afternoon at 5 p.m. and the last, an evaluation of results in the evening worship hour on Sunday beginning at 6 p.m. and continuing until the final free-will testimonies are given.

Sidney Reber, of Richmond, Virginia, will direct all musical events for the general assemblies. Visiting team captains from eight states and Mississippi will be paired with local team captains to lead the small group sessions.

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If you don't know what it is, it may be your wife's hat.

A debt is the only thing that increases the more it is contracted.

There are more warmed-over ideas than hot ones.

Names In  
The News

Rev. G. L. South, age 43, surrendered to the call to preach on March 10, 1972, and was licensed to the ministry on October 1, 1972. He is available for a pastorate or would be happy to serve as an associate pastor wherever he might be needed. Mr. South may be addressed at 1148 Plantation Boulevard, Jackson, MS 39211 (phone 566-5723).

Miss Betty Hart, missionary to Chile, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: Sandy Hook, Miss. 39478).

Dr. Russell McIntire, Director of Development, New Orleans Seminary, and former pastor of First Church, Clinton, has been called as interim pastor of First Church, Baton Rouge, La.

Five Mississippians were among a group of 17 associational superintendents of missions from seven states who convened at New Orleans Seminary for a recent counseling clinic. The five-day workshop, held Jan. 20-24, was sponsored jointly by the seminary and the Division of Associational Services of the Home Mission Board. Mississippians attending were Holmes H. Carlisle of Forest, Scott Association; Odie Henderson of Cleveland, Bolivar Association; Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Pass of Natchez, Adams Union Association; and Eugene Roberts of Brookhaven, Copiah and Lincoln Association.

Macedonia Church at Brookhaven had an ordination service Feb. 2, for six deacons: Royce Case, Ralph Newsels, Johnny Smith, Noah Smith, Ronny Smith and Doyle West. Report of the ordination council was given by Harry Lane Case. Harry Solon Case gave the charge to the church. The charge to the deacons was given by Rev. Emerson Tedder, Jr., pastor. Laying on of hands concluded the service after the ordination prayer by Jack Lowe.

Calvary, Cleveland  
To Celebrate 25th  
Anniversary

Calvary Church, Cleveland, will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Sunday, February 23.

Rev. C. C. Carraway will preach at the morning worship service. Other features of the day will include Sunday School at 9:45, and dinner on the grounds at 12. A song service to begin at 1:30 p.m. will present the Christian Crusaders of Greenwood.

The church cordially invites all former members and former pastors to attend. Rev. Jimmy W. Dukes is pastor.

## Off The Record

The woman driver made a right turn from the left lane and smashed into another car. "Why, for heaven's sake, didn't you signal?" screamed the angry motorist. "Sir," she answered haughtily, "why do I have to signal? I always turn here." — American Opinion.

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